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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

1. Mr. Meffert W. Kuhrtz, FBI Liaison with the Central Intelligence Agency, called on the Director at 9:15 on 12 August 1959 "at the request of his boss." The undersigned was present during this meeting.
2. Mr. Kuhrtz opened the conversation by stating that there were a number of unpleasant things in this life and his call upon the Director was one of them. He said he had been directed to see Mr. Dulles in connection with the article published in the September 1959 issue of True magazine -- "Allen Dulles: America's Global Sherlock." Mr. Kuhrtz quite candidly stated that the portion of this article pertaining to the Federal Bureau of Investigation was most distasteful to Mr. Hoover and he had been asked to find out what Mr. Dulles knew about the article and its author. The Director said he had not seen the article prior to publication nor had he ever met the author and knew nothing about him. Mr. Dulles pointed out that he had not yet had an opportunity to read the article in its entirety and he had been advised that the writer was using a nom de plume. He said, however, he was sure we could find out the author's true name and would make it available to the FBI through Jim Angleton and Mr. Kuhrtz. In response to a query from Mr. Kuhrtz, the Director replied that to the best of his knowledge no employee of CIA had assisted the author in any way, shape, or form in the preparation of the article. The Director commented he would be pleased to send Mr. Hoover a letter, with a copy to the editors of True, repudiating that part of the article referring to the FBI. However, he felt, on balance, True might well use its copy to add more fuel to the already unpleasant impression created by the article and, further, such a letter in the hands of True could be used for additional free publicity. Mr. Dulles pointed out to Mr. Kuhrtz the close cooperation between the FBI and CIA and as far as he was concerned, our relations are of the highest order. He said on numerous occasions he had taken the opportunity in public speeches to praise the work of Mr. Hoover and the FBI and he sincerely meant what he said. The Director made it clear that the reference to the FBI does not in any way portray this Agency's feeling and if he is able to find out the

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identity of the CIA man who is quoted in the article as saying, "They (FBI) seem to think that they're supervising us -- and they are not above stealing one of our agents if they think they can use him themselves," he could assure Mr. Kuhrtz that appropriate administrative action will be taken.

3. Mr. Kuhrtz said he had known Mr. Dulles for a number of years and wanted to emphasize that he always had only the highest respect for him and he personally was convinced CIA was not responsible for the article in question. Mr. Dulles replied he appreciated this, was having this matter looked into, and that Mr. Kuhrtz might expect to hear further from Mr. Angleton.


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